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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 18, 2008, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on November 18, 2008. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on **page 8** of this paper.